

DEALS IN DIRT.

Helena Properties Changing Hands
Increasing in Value and
Every Week.

Dealers Report a Good Week With
Prices Better Than They Expected
to Realize.

Eastern Parties Wish to Purchase the
Alhambra Springs and Haye Agents
at Work.

The week in real estate has been devoid of any particular interest, but the business goes on and inquiries are just as numerous. One set back has been the advance in values all around, principally in addition property. Dealers complain that it is a lot sold at a fair figure, the owner adjoining runs the value of his property up from twenty to fifty per cent. Notwithstanding that a large number of lots are purchased for permanent improvement, a larger proportion are bought for speculation, and the principle speculators are eastern men. The plans for the Northern Pacific bridge are in the hands of a draughtsman and will be completed in a few days when work will begin.

Work has been resumed on the Hershfield bank building. This structure is estimated to cost \$65,000 and will only be three stories high, but architecturally it will be a beauty. The Power & Keefe building dimensions are 60x100 feet. It will be six stories high and is to cost \$85,000. Workmen are still busy engaged in excavating for the basement of this and the Bailey building. The latter will contain seven stories, including the basement, and the cost is now placed at \$75,000. Work is being rapidly pushed on the Helena Steam Power and Light company's \$25,000 building. J. R. Gates has secured a permit for a four story business block on the corner of Sixth avenue and Warren street. This building is to cost \$60,000, and ground has already been broken for its erection. The Methodist church \$15,000 granite temple is also the scene of active work.

Porter, Muth & Cox report increased demands for west side building lots. Syndicate, Bradford, Ames and Brooke additions being the favorites. This firm has also Highland Park now ready for sale, and a large number of prominent citizens will locate their homes in this choice tract. They have also closed a contract with the Helena Water company for the extension of its mains for 4,000 feet, being through the Syndicate, Ames, Brooke and Bellevue additions.

This pipe line will also be extended to Highland Park. These additions are also covered by the water from Chessman's upper ditch, which for irrigating purposes is far better than any other water obtainable, being warm and soft and wonderfully stimulating to vegetable growth.

Contracts are now signed for fifty houses along the motor line in above additions. H. W. Foote has purchased a block in Highland Park and will proceed at once to beautify it by setting out trees and sowing grass.

Wallace, Thornburgh & Co. report the usual run of business, and hardly find time to talk on what they have done. The sales of the week were about \$43,000. Many inquiries are had from eastern people who are here to invest, and they expect that about \$21,000 of eastern capital will be put into Helena dirt during the coming week. Mr. Wallace was asked how it was that so few sales were placed on record. He replied that nine-tenths of the sales are made by land contracts, with only a third of the whole amount paid down, the balance running from six months to a year. "But you'll see that the records will soon show many transfers," he said, "as many contracts are becoming due."

Witherbee & Hunter have been extending and renovating their handsome office in the Gold block during the week, but notwithstanding this report, great activity in real estate with many sales in the Lockey and Northern Pacific additions, as well as along the motor line. Among the sales was the purchase by Charles Gabisch of 86 feet on Helena avenue for \$4,700. This firm continues to lead in the sale of property on Helena avenue which is rapidly becoming a business thoroughfare. They have steadily maintained that this part of the city would eventually assume the proportions of a business center and have advised their clients to purchase there in preference to any part of the city as an investment upon which large profits could be realized. Mr. Witherbee showed an independent reporter a letter from an enthusiastic client who offers them the usual commission paid when a sale is made, on what his property is now worth, although he does not care to sell at an advance of \$45 net per foot on a purchase made last November. "This is a thoroughly new and original proposition," said Mr. Witherbee, "but it meets with our approval, and I don't think we will hesitate long in accepting the offer."

Among the probable sales is that of the Alhambra springs property to eastern capitalists, which is now pending. This sale had been effected once, but finally fell through, but it has again been revived and will undoubtedly be a "go."

W. F. Cummins—"Business has been more quiet this week, but some large deals are pending, with a prospect of a fine business next week. We have closed a number of lots in townsite this week. All bought to build on this season. Our building department is full of activity and we have plenty of work ahead. We expect all the business we can handle."

Armistage & Jackson say business has been very good. Matheson & Steel did a very large business and expect to double the amount during the next seven days. Leon LeCrosier is perfectly satisfied with what he has done, and while his sales have been large, had nothing of importance to report. Floyd-Jones is fixing up an office in the Atlas block and has not yet got down to business. C. F. Ellis & Co. report the usual unabating activity in sales, among the number being 100 feet on lower Main street to Dr. William F. Treacy for \$7,000. J. M. Merrill reports a lively week in business property. A number of good sales are pending, the question of a few dollars being the only hold-back. Motor line property is firm and active at an average price of \$15 a foot.

Scarf is running the finest restaurant on Grand street that has ever been in Helena.

On and after March 29 the stages of this company will leave Cascade daily except Sunday for all points north. Take the stage at Cascade for Fort Shaw, Sun River, Choteau and all other towns.

Leave Cascade daily at 3 p. m.

Leave Sun River daily at 7 a. m. Connects with all trains on part C. R. R. carries passengers, U. S. mail and express. Don't hesitate, but take the stage at Cascade to get there.

THE C. J. HILDEBRAND STAGE CO.

The New York Dry Goods Store it seems is the recognized leader. Their beautiful importations in dress patterns, lace flouncings black and colored rademers, Chinese

silks in new colorings, French and German chailies, denotes the refined taste of their buyer. Their magnificent salesroom, handsomely decorated with gorgeous trimmings and slightly merchandise of every variety and style of wraps, dresses and teagowns, that reflect the hues of the rainbow, makes the beholder imagine Helena the centre of fashion for the western world.

AMUSEMENTS.

Cast of the Encore Club's "Erminie"—The Quintette Club Concert.

The Encore Club rehearsed the comic opera "Erminie" last evening for the first time with a full cast of characters, which is given below. The result was highly satisfactory, and gave promise of an excellent rendition of the charming opera. Mrs. Hersey and Mrs. Harrison both did remarkably well with the leading female parts, Erminie and Javotte, respectively, and in fact all those whose names appear below acquitted themselves admirably. The date for the performance has not yet been definitely fixed, but it is likely to be in the last week in April. The cast:

Erminie.....Mrs. A. H. Hersey,
Javotte.....Mrs. Wm. Harrison,
Marie.....Mrs. S. Cohen,
Cecile.....Miss Sue Wilcox,
Princess.....Miss Antoinette Sadler,
Eugene.....F. J. Martin,
Macque.....Wm. Gibbs,
Chevalier.....Geo. R. Metten,
Ravennet.....A. J. Thornburgh,
Calvaux.....F. R. Wallace,
Simon.....A. H. Burns,
Aided by a chorus of forty voices and an orchestra of fourteen pieces, under the efficient management of Mr. Hill. The work of preparing this opera for the stage is progressing rapidly, and with a chorus fully up to the standard of the Encore club, and an orchestra better drilled and larger than ever before, the public will be justified in expecting a grand presentation of this work.

A rare treat for music lovers is promised for next Wednesday and Thursday evenings, when the Boston Quintette club will appear upon the stage of Ming's opera house. Mr. Blumenberg is one of the finest performers upon the violin in the country, and Mr. Rhodes, the solo violinist, is also very highly spoken of. The viola, which is played by Mr. Stevenson, is an instrument not much known outside of professional musical circles. It might be described as a tenor violin, and is larger and more powerful in tone than a violin. Miss Anne Carpenter, the vocalist of the company, possesses a rich contralto voice and is an accomplished musician. She is the daughter of Dr. E. R. E. Carpenter, of this city.

The coming of F. B. Ward and his strong dramatic company next week will be a matter of real interest to lovers of tragedy. Mr. Ward is an actor of recognized standing in the profession, and brings with him an excellent company, including Misses Adele Helgard and Stella Boniface and L. J. Henderson. Five performances will be given, including a matinee, beginning Wednesday evening, April 10. The repertoire for the engagement is: "Virginia," "The Mountebank," "William Tell," "Gaston Cadot" and "Richard III."

Mrs. Heathwood will give a free lecture in Encore hall this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, on Christian Science Mental Healing. Persons who hold that Christian science is infidelity, pantheism, mesmerism and the works of the devil are specially invited.

REPORTORIAL NOTES.

W. G. Orcutt, Jr. & Co., dealers in fancy goods, were yesterday attached for \$270, rent due.

There will be a game of base ball this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock between the Stars and one of the Helena clubs.

The west bound Northern Pacific passenger was in two large sections yesterday, and as usual most of the people were bound for Washington territory.

In Sanford's lumber yard Officer Laikau yesterday found a bag containing a suit of clothes and other articles stolen from C. G. Evans' residence Thursday morning.

A musical for the benefit of the Congregational church is to be given on April 11 under the direction of Mrs. F. D. Keisley and assisted by some of the best talent of the city. The popular Encore orchestra will assist on this occasion.

Taking effect at 12:01 this morning the Wickes and Boulder train which heretofore left at 8 o'clock a. m. and arrived from Boulder at 3:40 p. m., will arrive from Boulder at 10:35 a. m. and will leave Helena at 4:15 p. m., thus enabling residents in the towns mentioned to visit Helena, transact their business and return home the same day.

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Ed Conney and wife, of Wickes, are visiting their mother on Breckenridge street.

Mrs. A. H. Hersey, of Bozeman, arrived in the city last night and is a guest of the Grand Central.

George H. Sargent, representing the Minneapolis Tribune, is in the city in the interest of that popular newspaper.

W. J. Penrose came over from Butte yesterday. Mr. Penrose is said to be a candidate for the police judgeship of Butte.

Thomas Conney, of Missouri valley, a prosperous rancher and resident of Montana since 1865, is visiting the city and shaking hands with his many friends.

Teeth extracted without pain with the electric vibrator at Drs. Stone & Head.

New Spring Stock.

We are now daily receiving by fast freight and express the immense stock of staple and fancy dry goods recently purchased by Mr. Raleigh in the eastern markets. No department in our house has been forgotten or neglected in our purchases this season, in fact we have tried to outdo all former efforts in catering to the wants of the ladies of Helena and the surrounding towns and country, and extend a cordial invitation to every buyer of dry goods to call and see us before making their spring purchases. We will not be undersold, and will at all times give you the value of your money.

A long felt want supplied—the first-class restaurant of J. W. Seaff.

Removal.

R. C. Wallace has removed his store to the new Pittsburgh block, two doors below the First National bank.

If you are in need of artificial teeth we would advise you to go and examine the beautiful celluloid sets—something new, at Drs. Stone & Head.

Try it.

Try our best patent flour, the best in the market, and Whitaker Star hams, at JOHN T. MURPHY & Co.'s.

HELENA IN BRIEF.

G. W. Jackson, music dealer.
Dinner from 12 to 5 at the Bon Ton.

James W. Barker, merchant tailor, No. 15 North Main street.

E. R. E. Carpenter will remove to Room 30, Pittsburgh block April 1. Take the elevator.

Go and see Baker and Clark Bros.' imported draft horses at Brock & Fisher's sale barn.

Go east via the Montana Central and Manitoba railways, the new sleeping and dining car route to St. Paul and the east. Through trains leave Helena daily at 11:35 a. m.

Special Bargains

New Goods Just Received

THE BEE HIVE

Complete line of Men's and Boys' und laundered white shirts, 50c.

Ladies' silk lace mittens, 25c.

Ladies' hose, 10c, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c and upwards.

Misses' and Children's hose, 12½c, 15c, 20c, 25c and upwards.

Men's half hose, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c and upwards.

Ladies' silk vests, \$1.50, worth \$3.00.

Ladies' knit vests, 25c and 50c.

Men's overshirts and underwear, very cheap.

Writing paper and envelopes, 20c per box.

A few more chamber sets at \$4.00 and \$4.50.

Complete line of Easter novelties.

Men's and Ladies' handkerchiefs, 10c and upwards.

We carry the largest and most complete line of Carpets, Linoleums, Mattings, etc., in the city, which we are selling at Chicago prices, freight added.

KOHLBERG & CO.,
5 North Main St.

THE BEE HIVE.

WANT COLUMN.

THOMAS E. GOODWIN,
Real Estate and Loans, Rooms 3, 4, and 5,
Holler Block.

\$1100 For a nice corner lot, 50x100, on Sixth avenue.

\$1000 Each for two house lots on Sixth avenue, 50x100 feet.

\$650 Lot in Blake addition, near Broadway.

\$1200 Lot on Eighth avenue, 50x140 feet.

\$1500 Only one corner left on Montana ave., 94 ft. south front and 140 ft. east front. A splendid corner for nice residence or for investment.

\$2825 For one of the finest corners on the west side: 75 ft. east front and 125 ft. north front. A splendidly located slightly location for a residence, just eight minutes' walk from the postoffice.

\$425 Lot on Ninth avenue, 50 ft. front.

\$3700 For a nice 5 room house on Broadway, war, well built, nicely finished, and with all improvements and conveniences inside and out.

\$5000 For a fine 7-room house on Broadway.

\$1500 Four room house Fifth avenue. Lot 50x100. Not so good as the preceding, but good enough for the price.

\$650 For a lot on Fifth ave., 45x100 feet North front.

\$750 Lot in Blake addition near Broadway.

FLOWER GARDEN Addition. Special bargains in this popular addition for a few days.

\$1350 Four-room House and lot near Rooney street.

If you want a good lot or house and lot at a fair price, come and see me; but I have not got any \$1000 properties for \$1,500, or anything else that I will sell for half price.

THOMAS E. GOODWIN,
Rooms 3, 4, 5, Holler Block.

FOLK & DEVINE,
Room 2, Granite Block.

65 Feet corner Rodney and Bridge, \$4,000, easy terms.

\$600 For a 50-foot lot on Ninth ave.

\$1050 Cash and \$1050 at 10 per cent for a neat 4 room house on west side.

FOR TEST. Two stores on Main st.

3 Lots in Central addition at a bargain

50 Feet on Helena avenue at a bargain.

FURNISHED HOUSE, five rooms, bath room, and every convenience, for rent. Good location.

\$1700 Will buy a fine hotel, 14 rooms furnished, 3 acres of land, good out buildings, eighteen regular boarders. The furniture alone worth purchase price.

FOLK & DEVINE,

WITHERBEE & HUNTER'S OFFER.

W open this week with 130 feet on Helena avenue at \$100 per foot.

25 Feet on Helena avenue at \$75 per foot.

25 Feet on Helena avenue at \$65 per foot.

3000 Feet in Flower Garden if taken in two days, at an immense bargain. This comprises many of the best lots in the addition.

1500 Feet in Grand Avenue addition. Choice locations, cheap prices and easy terms.

WE have nothing but bargains this week. Call and examine our list.

WITHERBEE & HUNTER,
Real Estate, Loans and Insurance,
Rooms 3, 4 and 5, Gold Block.

GREAT CUT SALE Monday at Fowler's Cash Store.

500 Gentle Unlaundered Shirts, double front and back, contains us stays in neck and sleeves. Only 40c and 75c.

500 Gentle Unlaundered Shirts, made same as above, finest quality, only 65c, worth \$1.00.

100 Gentle Silk Ties, satin lined, only 25c, worth 75c.

1000 Yards Hamburg Embroidery at 5c per yard, worth 10c.

1000 Yards Hamburg Embroidery at 10c per yard, worth 20c.

1000 Yards Hamburg Embroidery at 15c per yard, worth 30c.

HEADQUARTERS for Millinery.

For Sale.

WE are now offering the finest variety of residence lots ever offered in Helena.

HIGHLAND PARK, the finest residence property of Helena is now on the market.

WE can sell you a beautiful residence lot on the Mortimer line at prices that will surprise you. Call before the advance.

Bargains in acre property.
PORTER, MUTH & COX,
Gold Block.

FOR SALE—Fair Large Mules, weigh 1400 each and 3½. New dain wagon. Call at this office.

FAMILY or Work Horse: eleven hundred, sound, perfectly reliable, 8 years old; 403 Warren street.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Large Country Hotel furnished. Immediate entry. Apply to D. Hunter, Three Forks, Montana.

FOR SALE at a bargain, I offer for sale at reasonable prices the furniture and fixtures of my boarding house on Jackson street, opposite the Heller block. There is everything necessary for a boarding house. Excellent location, convenient to business center. The property is offered for sale for the reason that I have removed to another portion of the city more convenient to my lodging apartments in the Penn block. Apply to Mrs. C. Woodridge, Penn block, Upper Main street.

A N old established Liquor Business Cause of ruin; in health. Enquire of W. G. Peult or Moses Morris.

HOUSE and Lots for sale. A Brick House and eight rooms, corner of Rodney and Bridge streets, 16 fine shade trees, also 50 feet adjoining same fronting on Bridge st.; also 161 feet fronting on Rodney st. and 54 feet deep. Opposite new residence of A. G. Clarke.

R. P. STOUT, Agent,
102 South Rodney st.

RANCH—600 acres; good water right, near Helena, \$6,000. Address Ranchman, Independent office.

FOR SALE—Sittings of pure Leghorns. Apply to the day Candler, Bon Ton Restaurant.

FOR SALE—On reasonable terms, American House, at Marysville, Mont. Apply on premises.

FOR SALE—House, furnished or unfurnished. A nice property, centrally located on the west side. Address box 426, city.

Rooms—Furnished and Unfurnished.

TWO nicely furnished rooms, 626 E. Bridge st. Rent cheap.

FURNISHED room for rent, 32 South Howey street.

OPEN 1st April, in the Fred Lehman block, 40 elegantly furnished rooms, single or in suite, by the day, week or month.

FOR RENT—Furnished room with private family. 305 Ewing street.

THE PACIFIC or Lenoir House—Steam heat, elegant rooms; 50, 75, \$1, 5-10c \$1.50 per day.

HARVEY HOUSE, Grand street, new and elegantly furnished rooms, single or in suite.

Situations offered.

CHANDLER wants two waiter girls for Helena, one for Rimini, and eight female cooks.

WANTED—First class Saddle Hand. R. H. Asst.

FIRST CLASS Carriage Painter. Enquire of A. Wendenhorn.

WANTED—An overseer, or chief advertiser, and one to drive assistants (each adding to size of county and population). \$50 a month salary and expenses to visitors, and \$30 to assistants. No experience required. Duties confined to making collections, distributing printed matter, putting up advertisements, etc., or electric goods. Expenses advanced; salaries paid each month. Success four cents postage for full specimen line of advertising matter to ALBERTO GALVANIC CO., Palace Building, Cincinnati, O. No attention paid to postal cards.

Wish to employ a reliable man in your county. No experience required; permanent position or three years. Salary increased each year. Light, easy, guaranteed business. Money advanced for salary, advertising, etc. Largest manufacturers in our line. Success 2-cent. No postage. Continental Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, O.

Situations Wanted.

Advertisements under this head will be inserted three times free of charge.

A Respectable Single Man wants situation as a foreman on dairy or fancy stock ranch. References—Governor Wendenhorn of California. Address, A. M. At tur, Helena, Montana.

BY an experienced woman to take charge of hotel. Good cook. Apply 626 E. Bridge.

MAN and wife want steady place on ranch. No 34 Edwards street.

SITUATION—A lady who has had large experience in housework desires work in boarding house or private family. Call at Woman's Exchange.

A COACHMAN of many years' experience is out of employment & would take charge of family carriage and stable. References given. Address X. J., Independent office.

WANTED—Situation as cook or to do general housework in city. Address A. B., this office.

WANTED—By competent woman, work by the day, or washing or housework of any kind. Address C. D. E. O. Box 747.

WANTED—Chamber work. Apply at Woman's Exchange.

WANTED—By a young man of new habits, any kind of work. Apply at No. 410 Lower Main street.

Lost and Found.

FOUND—A lady's slipper, left foot. Apply at this office.

Miscellaneous.

NEW YORK Dress Maker, No. 115 Broadway, second door above Herald Block. Cloaks and wraps; cutting and fitting promptly attended to; work guaranteed. Two apprentices wanted.

WANTED by family of three, furnished house or two furnished rooms on ground with private family. References exchanged. Address 3, this office.

THE PUBLIC are hereby notified that check No. X 291 from the Northern Pacific Railway company in favor of U. Niebergall, amount \$61.50, has been lost or stolen, and that payment has been stopped on the same. C. Niebergall.

MONEY to loan on Chattel Mortgage security by J. M. Johnson at LOCKEY'S OFFICE.

WANTED TO RENT—About May 1, a house of six or seven rooms located near business center. Address M., Independent office.

WANTED—Five well dressed men to hang around Sweden Carlson's new store to make people believe he is doing an awful sight of business.

MONEY TO LOAN upon Helena real estate by Edward C. Russell, room 6, Thompson block.

MONEY TO LOAN on reasonable terms. Jno. S. M. Neill, Rooms 6 and 7 Ashby block, Main street.

WANTED—Clean, cotton rags, for wiping, at INDEPENDENT press room.

ADIES' gold watches, \$30; stemwinding silver watches, \$15; beautiful gold glass, \$10; articles of every description bought and sold; money loaned, at New York Loan Office, International Hotel Block.

Marshall's Sale.

To be sold at public auction on Wednesday, April 3, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at the City Hall in Helena, to the highest bidder for cash: One pair Sorrel Mares. Two Gelds. Four Dump Carts. Four Dump Cart Harnesses. C. D. HARD, City Marshal.

OPIUM

Morphine Habit Cured in 10 to 20 days. No pay till cured. Dr. J. Stephens, Lebanon, Ohio.

KNOX HATS
Spring Styles.

NOW IN STOCK.

New Neckwear,

Faultless Night Robes,